

Greater Arlington/Beaches ~ Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

Regency Square Branch Library
May 9, 2005 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members and Alternates

Cindy Alderson	Armando Grundy-Gomes	Bill Marshall
Larry Belge	Mike Hancock	Gail Melton
Yvonne Creswell	Lad Hawkins	Jay Olchak
Sandra Curran	Johnny Holden	Tom Olney
Dorothy Fant	Sherrie Jarnutowski	Eddi Parsons
Kevin Feldt	Joseph Lek	Ray Salman
Mark Foss	Marcella Lowe	Carol Schirado
Ingrid Freeman-Claxton	Elizabeth Lussier	Rick Smith
Chris Gilmore (Alt.)		Clay Yarbororugh

Members Excused

Geraldine Atkinson	Helen Ludwig	Tom Shouvin
Skip Benolken	Bradley Richards	Ramsey Salem (Alt.)
Albert Cherry	Ben Tucker	

Guests

Hon. Lake Ray	Waverly Fant	Michael Langton
Tracy Arpen	Mary Ann Saadeh	Laura Langton
Denise Bunnewith	Patricia Hairston	Theresa Rooney
John Lowe	Virginia Gardner	
10 people representing Jork Road		

Staff/Resource

Bob Baughman, Mayor's Rep. (Phil Bruce)	Skip Roszel, Bldg. Insp.	Eric Taylor, JHRC
Ed Lukacovic, P&D	Lt. Bob Jernigan, JSO	
Jim Green, FDOT	Selinda Keyes, DCSB	
	James Richardson, NSD	

Call to Order

Marcella Lowe called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and followed with a prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Speakers

Marcella introduced Denise Bunnewith, Executive Director of the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization. She discussed the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), specifically those projects scheduled for Planning District 2. She then fielded a number of questions and addressed various concerns regarding Better Jacksonville Plan road projects and the funding sources of other transportation projects. Marcella then introduced the Honorable Lake Ray, Jacksonville City Council, District 1 who opened with a few brief comments. He then introduced Tracy Arpen, Office of General Counsel. Mr. Arpen provided a brief legal interpretation of 2004-1240A and the rationale for its introduction. Through questions and addressing concerns, he discussed his interpretation of the possible impact the legislation might have on the community at large. Both Councilman Ray and Mr. Arpen fielded several questions and comments regarding the Better Jacksonville Plan and changes that may, or may not be made.

Marcella then read a resolution opposing 2004-1240A presented to the CPAC for approval by the Aston Hills HOA. It was formally moved and properly seconded. During discussion, Marcella asked Councilman Ray to discuss his position on the legislation. He offered his support of the resolution and expressed his opposition to the legislation as well as other comments. Marcella indicated that she had received an email expressing support of the resolution from Councilwoman Lynette Self, Jacksonville City Council District 2. The motion was approved by the group.

Councilman Ray, in response to a question posed by Mr. Grundy-Gomes, then talked about the Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and the fact that a council resolution has been presented to the Mayor which included it on their wish list. In response to a further question regarding potential costs, he indicated that at this point it would be strictly a guess, and that there are federal and state grants available that the City might qualify for. Mr. Grundy-Gomes expressed a final concern regarding the Better Jacksonville Plan and what was approved and asked if the Council was being cognizant of fiscal responsibility in regards to future plans and initiatives. Councilman Ray shared a brief interpretation of the Better Jacksonville Plan and how it might have been developed. He then expressed some thoughts on how shortfalls have developed. Ms. Alderson asked a question in regards to ITS and failed roads and how the system might be incorporated in future transportation projects. Councilman Ray indicated that what he has proposed to the MPO is that they endorse this system and he would like to have one transportation management center. This is key so that as other surrounding counties come on line there is a blueprint set for everyone and it all matches and is interconnected. The system would be managed by the MPO and under the operating control of the JTA. This allows federal and state dollars to be combined with BJP funds to create and develop the system, with BJP funds remaining in Duval County. In visiting Dallas to look at ITS in use, they recognized that the key to success would be to have this blueprint in place to ensure that as corridors are reviewed for inclusion, the system is comprehensive and connects all the surrounding transportation systems in one cohesive unit. In response to a final question, Councilman Ray expressed his concern

with the Lone Star project being behind schedule. In closing he expressed his pleasure with the City during the Super Bowl and the positive impact it has had on the community. He feels strongly that most residents now feel that we are truly a Super City.

While the Office of General Counsel was present, Marcella asked Ray Salman, representing the Kensington HOA, to discuss an issue which he wanted raised under “New Business” so that they could react to it. Dr. Salman discussed that he would like the District 2 CPAC, and others if appropriate, to take the position that “effective immediately, by order of the Mayor or City Council or other appropriate body, no new development which provides access to or from Kernan Boulevard be permitted until such time that the widening project is completed.” He then put it in the form of a motion, which was properly seconded. During discussion, Mr. Arpen expressed potential concerns that the motion might impose. After further discussion, the question was called. The vote taken ended in a tie – 12 for and 12 against. Expressing her concern that the motion might have been a little too strong, Marcella cast the deciding vote against the motion. Councilman Ray indicated there was a current proposal before the council to move forward with the expansion of Kernan Boulevard. He opposed it in committee at the urging of the Administration because they would like to bring forth a more comprehensive plan rather than addressing individual road projects. He will be pushing for the expansion soon and hopes that something would be coming forward shortly. The Transportation subcommittee chair expressed a desire to work with Dr. Salman to review the issue and bring something forward to the group at a future meeting.

Dorothy Fant, Chair of the Awards subcommittee expressed concern with the current time, the number of nominations received for the Mayor’s Award and the potential time involved in discussing them and making a decision during the meeting. She moved that the CPAC allow the subcommittee to meet at a later date prior to the May 31st deadline and make a decision on behalf of the group. It was properly seconded and after a brief discussion, was approved by the group.

Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the March meeting as submitted and properly seconded. A change was offered, and after the discussion, the group approved the minutes as amended.

Sub-Committee Reports

PARKS AND RECREATION – Cindy Alderson indicated that she is looking to fortify the subcommittee and welcomes any members who would like to participate. She also has scheduled to meet with Bob Baughman to get some additional information on Parks and related projects in the district.

BEAUTIFICATION – Gail indicated that she had received one Communi-Tree application and encouraged others to apply prior to the September deadline.

GRANTS AND AWARDS – Dorothy Fant indicated that the committee had received applications for the 2005 New Ways Initiatives grants and would be reviewing them. They will bring a recommendation to the June meeting.

LAND USE AND ZONING – Joe Lek indicated that the subcommittee had 4 motions to bring to the group:

Opposition and support to the Land Use LU-2005A-018A, LU-2005-018B and LU-2005A-18C, to change the Land Use from AGR-IV to LDR on 20.77 acres in LU-2005A-18A, to change the Land Use from AGR IV & WD/WR to CSV 44 acres in LU-2005A-18B and to change the Land Use from WD/WR to CGC on 24.91 acres in LU-2005A-18C. All applications located on a portion of 13911 Atlantic Boulevard.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are:

- *in opposition to the Land Use LU-2005A-018A, to change the Land Use from AGR-IV to LDR on 20.77 acres in LU-2005A-18A based on the impact of wetlands and housing density.*
- *in favor of LU-2005A-18B to change the Land Use from AGR IV & WD/WR to CSV and zoning from RR & IW to PUD on 35.44 acres in LU-2005A-18B based on the marsh going to conservation for protection*
- *have no decision on changing the Land Use from WD/WR to CGC zoning from IW to PUD on 24.91 acres in LU-2005A-18C located on a portion of 13911 Atlantic Boulevard.*

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Opposition to the Land Use and Rezoning LU-2005A-019, to change the Land Use from LDR to MDR and zoning from RLD-D to RMD-E on 3.15 acres of vacant land on the Southeast corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Jork Road.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the Land Use and Rezoning LU-2005A-013, to change the Land Use from LDR to MDR and zoning from RLD-D to RMD-E on 3.15 acres of vacant land to build 52 units on the Southeast corner of Atlantic Boulevard and Jork Road because it is felt that the density unit number is too intense.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Opposition to the Rezoning 2005-545 to change the zoning of 11.69 acres from CO to PUD to allow 90,000 sq. ft of retail facility and commercial neighborhood out parcel located south of Atlantic Boulevard and east side of Kernan Boulevard.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in opposition to the above proposal for Rezoning 2005-545 to change the zoning of 11.69 acres from CO to PUD to allow 90,000 sq. ft. of retail facility and commercial neighborhood out parcel

located south of Atlantic Boulevard and east side of Kernan Boulevard because it is felt that creates too much impact on Kernan which is already overloaded with traffic.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

Opposition to the Sign Waiver 2005-570 to allow the reduction of the 10 foot minimum setback requirement to 5 feet at 7006 Arlington Expressway.

The District 2 Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) are in of opposition to the above proposal for the Sign Waiver 2005-570 to allow the reduction of the 10 foot minimum setback requirement to 5 feet at 7006 Arlington Expressway because it is felt the sign is too close to the right-of-way and we do not want to legalize a nonconforming sign.

The motion was properly seconded and approved by the group.

The Land Use and Zoning subcommittee will next meet at 4:30 pm June 13th at the Regency Square Branch Library.

MEMBERSHIP – Marcella welcomed Clay Yarborough back to the meetings and congratulated him on his recent graduation from UNF. He thanked the group and asked James Richardson to report on new members. James then introduced 3 new members:

Mike Hancock, new Primary for The Woods Owners Association
Armando Grundy-Gomes, business owner, PFS Financials
Yvonne Creswell, Primary for Eagles Creek HOA

SCHOOLS – No report.

TRANSPORTATION – Mark Foss reported that the committee had no report at this time. They have not been looking for agenda items and welcome the opportunity to discuss the Kernan Boulevard issue. He also attended a Craig Airport Part 150 study public meeting, which is the noise study that allows them to get federal funding to do mediation if they find noise problems.

The Transportation subcommittee will next meet at 6:00 pm May 24th at the Regency Square Branch Library.

NAP – Gail Melton reported that she last talked with the Planning Department a few weeks ago and was told that they were still in the process of assembling the final draft.

ENVIRONMENT – Lad Hawkins reported that, contrary to published reports, the Waterways Commission did not vote unanimously to support demolition of the Fuller Warren Bridge. The actual vote was 7-2. He is concerned because of the potential use the structure provides. He suggested the CPAC take a position “to encourage the City Council to proceed cautiously and study how it could be tied into the Southbank

Riverwalk and used as a park or some other public use.” Marcella then read a letter that was submitted by the CPAC on January 10th on that topic.

Marcella reported that James Richardson would be having a birthday on May 23rd and he would be also celebrating a year of working with the CPAC very soon. She provided him with a few cards and thanked him for his work and also for not switching districts when he had the opportunity.

Staff Reports

MAYOR’S REPRESENTATIVE – Bob Baughman reported that Blue Cypress was recently in the news as people were camped out for summer camp registration. They also had a press release last week that indicated the #2 cause of death for children under 14 were swimming related. With May declared as Water Safety Month, there were a number of events, activities and classes scheduled and he encouraged everyone to visit www.jaxparks.com for information.

JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF’S OFFICE – Lt. Jernigan reported that they were getting ready for the release of school and asked everyone to be careful. He also reported that in preparation for the upcoming storm season, each of the ShAdco’s in the sector would be having a Hurricane Preparedness seminar and encouraged everyone to attend if interested.

DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD – Selinda Keyes reported that Dr. Nancy Snyder was now the Superintendent and that the School Board was actively in the process of interviewing firms to assist them in the search for permanent Superintendent. High School graduations for our district schools (Terry Parker, Sandalwood and Fletcher) would be the week of the 16th at the Arena. The last day for students is May 20th. And lastly, the district is still in the process of closing deals for two new high schools, one at Butler / 9A and the other in the Bayard area in conjunction with FCCJ. The planned completion date for the Butler / 9A school is August 2008 and would help alleviate crowding at Sandalwood. The principal at Sandalwood, Mr. Gesdorf is retiring, so they are in the process of identifying a new principal there and in other schools as well.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT – Ed Lukacovic reported there were several applications and exceptions that have been filed a while ago but seem to linger. He is monitoring them.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – No report

BUILDING INSPECTION/LANDSCAPING – Skip Roszel indicated that he had no report, but did want to echo what Lt. Jernigan said about being careful with school being released. He did indicate that he had seen several instances of school buses speeding. Selinda suggested getting the bus number and calling her office at 858-6190.

FIRE DEPARTMENT – No report

HEALTH DEPARTMENT – No report.

JACKSONVILLE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - CONSUMER AFFAIRS – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT – PROPERTY SAFETY – No report.

NEIGHBORHOODS DEPARTMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES –James Richardson asked the group to keep in mind that the deadline to submit applications for the Mayor’s Neighborhood Matching Grants would be May 31st at 5:00 pm. He also reminded the group that the Mayor’s Neighborhood Summit would be held June 24th at the Prime Osborn Convention Center and that registration booklets would be coming out very soon. He indicated that new City Guides were available and if more were needed for distribution to neighborhoods to contact him. James further reported that due to scheduling conflicts with the library, the July and August meetings would be held at the PAL building on Monument Road. James indicated that he was also working with the remaining district City Council persons to present at the June and July meetings, two at a time. Councilwomen Lockett-Felder and Jenkins together and Councilwoman Self with Councilman Clark. In response to a question about a booth at the summit for the CPAC, James indicated that he would check into it and let Marcella know.

Other Business

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR – Marcella reported that on May 18th a meeting will be held with Clean it Up / Green it Up concerning a Fall cleanup. She will bring information to the group at a later meeting. On April 19th she met with the Old Arlington, Inc. TownCenter Initiative planning group along with Jennifer Hewitt-Apperson, Traffic Engineering and the design group to discuss initial design work to take place on Arlington Road from University Boulevard to Rogero Road. There will be no angle parking and a few medians with trees but no flowers as they are too costly to maintain. They will be meeting again soon to discuss additional design work. This will tie in with the ISTEIA project provides beautification work from Arlington Road going south to the Arlington Expressway, and if funding allows, progressing toward the Clifton area. The Neighborhood Action Plan booklets discussed earlier will be ready shortly and information will be provided at a later date.

NEIGHBORHOOD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ISSUES – Ray Salman representing Kensington, mentioned 4 recent incidents and safety hazards around Craig Airport. One came down in the Kensington neighborhood and there is concern for the 1000 plus homes that are in direct line with runway 13. They feel it is time the safety issue is raised and they are turning to the CPAC for assistance with this. The issue was referred to the Transportation subcommittee for discussion and review. Marcella asked that Mark Foss get the Craig Airport manager to attend one of their future meetings.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – None.

GUEST COMMENTS – None.

Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 13, 2005 at the Regency Branch library at 6:00 pm.